



Take & Criteria of a Child Abuse/Neglect Report

Overview of ANCRA

Introduction to P300

Abuse Allegations

Neglect Allegations

Competencies

- ▶ Explain how reports of suspected Child Abuse and/or Neglect (CA/N) are received at State Central Registry (SCR) or the local DCFS office, including:
 - Criteria for a CA/N report
 - Allegation System
 - Information that constitutes a report

An Overview of ANCRA

- ▶ **1875: The New York legislature moves to establish the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children after public outcry over the abuse of young Mary Ellen Wilson, a case brought to public attention by a lawyer for the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals**
- ▶ **1975: Illinois adopted the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting ACT**





Law



Rule



Procedure



Practice



DCFS Right to Intervene?

- ▶ **The people delegate authority to elected officials for the common good (Delegated Authority)**
- ▶ **ANCRA is the state law that establishes the parameters for the Department's right to intervene**



ANCRA

- ▶ **Defines:**
 - **Child**
 - **Abuse**
 - **Neglect**
 - **Dependency**
 - **Eligible Perpetrator**

- ▶ **Sets the Mandates:**
 - **24 Hour mandate**
 - **60 day completion**
 - **Who must report suspected abuse/neglect**
 - **Who can take protective custody**

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Legal definition of a “Child”

- ▶ **Under the age of 18 year**
- ▶ **Exceptions:**
Enlisted in armed services, legally married or otherwise adjudicated
- ▶ DCFS wards up to the age of 22 that are currently residing in a state licensed facility.



“Abused Child” (Commission)

► **Per ANCRA Abuse is:**

- **Inflicted**
- **Caused**
- **Allowed.... “by other than
accidental means”**



Who is an Eligible Perpetrator for Abuse?

- ▶ **Parent**
- ▶ **Caregiver**
- ▶ **Paramour**
- ▶ **Any person residing in the home**
- ▶ **Immediate Family Member**



Perpetrator Relationship to

Table 16
Indicated Perpetrators: Relationship to Victim

Relationship	Number of Perpetrators	Number Female	Number Male	Number Unknown Gender
Adoptive Parent	103	59	40	4
Aunt/Uncle	453	122	311	20
Babysitter	261	111	144	6
Day Care Home/Center	55	39	9	7
Foster Parent	50	35	13	2
Grandparent	578	305	239	34
Institution Staff	61	31	18	12
Parent	12,972	7,790	4,491	691
Other	959	164	617	178
Paramour	1,316	96	1,070	150
Sibling	446	68	360	18
Step Parent	484	40	392	52
<i>Total</i>	17,738	8,860	7,704	1,174

Neglected Child (Omission)

► **Per ANCRA Neglected child:**

- “is not receiving the proper or necessary for his or her well being”
 - **Nourishment**
 - **Medical Care**
 - **Supervision**
 - “including food, clothing, shelter or being subjected to an injurious environment”



Who is an Eligible Perpetrator for Neglect?

- ▶ **Parent**
- ▶ **Caregiver**

Note: This is a much more narrowly defined category in comparison to the eligible perpetrators for abuse.



Blatant Disregard

- ▶ “**Blatant disregard means an incident where the real, significant, and imminent risk of harm would be so obvious to a reasonable parent or caretaker that it is unlikely that a reasonable parent or caretaker would have exposed the child to the danger without exercising precautionary measures to protect the child from harm.**”

Abuse or Neglect?



***Substance-affected
infants?***

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***Parent giving a 4-
year old drugs to
make him/her
sleep?***



ABUSE

Legal Criteria for Accepting Reports of Suspected Abuse/Neglect

- ▶ A Child by legal definition
- ▶ A circumstance that suggests an abusive or neglectful act has occurred
- ▶ An eligible



Report Statistics

Table 1 Number of Children Reported as Abused and Neglected		
Fiscal Year	Children Reported*	Percent of Change From Previous Year
2005	111,815	-
2006	110,229	-1.4%
2007	111,731	1.4%
2008	111,894	0.1%
2009	111,729	-0.1%
2010	109,184	-2.3%
2011	101,508	-7.0%
2012	106,238	4.7%
2013	108,607	2.2%
2014	109,784	1.1%

*Number of children reported is a duplicated count.

Procedure 300 Stems from ANCRA



- Procedure 300 is the “how-to” application of ANCRA**
- P. 300 brings ANCRA to life in a step by step process of how the Department meets the mandate of the law**

Introduction to Procedure 300





Procedure 300: a guide to correctly and consistently apply the law?

What would you do if you had a question about how to proceed on an aspect of an investigation?





***What do you
REALLY do most
often when you
have this
situation?***

“Folklore Factor” in Procedure



**“We’ve always
done it this
way!” or.....
“That’s the way
we do it in this
office!”**

Importance of Following Procedure 300

Would you rather say:

“My co-worker said we do it that way.” OR...
“I followed procedure.”



Procedure 300, Appendix B



- ▶ **Standard Definition**
- ▶ **Brings ANCRA to life**
- ▶ **How to weigh and evaluate evidence**
- ▶ **Factors to consider**

Allegation System

► **ABUSE**

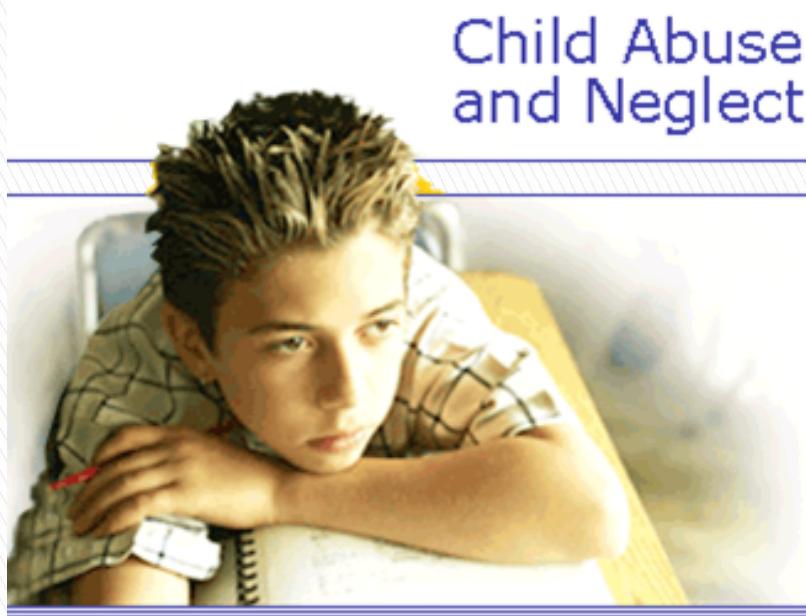
- **#1 Death**
- **#2 Head Injuries**
- **#4 Internal Injuries**
- **#5 Burns**

► **NEGLECT**

- **#51 Death**
- **#52 Head Injuries**
- **#54 Internal Injuries**
- **#55 Burns**



Allegations



- ▶ **ABUSE (*under # 50*) or**
- ▶ **NEGLECT
(*under #51 and over*)**
- OR:**
- ▶ **BOTH (see #11 and #61)**

Allegations #11/#61



- ▶ ***What are the conditions that will cause the SCR to take this as ...***
- **an abuse report?**
- **a neglect report**

FACTORS

**According to Procedure 300,
Appendix B, what factors
should be considered for
Allegation 11?**

**....for
Allegation
61?**



Allegations



- ▶ **Each allegation has its own definition and its own prescribed investigative steps & required contacts**

Children Indicated for Abuse &

Table 2
Number of Children
Indicated for Abuse and Neglect

Fiscal Year	Children Indicated*	Percent of Change From Previous Year
2005	20,145	-
2006	18,775	-6.8%
2007	19,845	5.7%
2008	20,295	2.3%
2009	19,418	-4.3%
2010	18,391	-5.3%
2011	17,385	-5.5%
2012	20,822	19.8%
2013	19,679	-5.5%
2014	26,785	36.1%

*Number of children indicated is a duplicated count.

Child Deaths

Table 28

AGE	Number Indicated	Number Females	Number Males	Number Afr Amer	Number Hispanic	Number White	Number Other
0	62	25	36	39	5	15	3
1	12	4	8	6	0	6	0
2	9	3	6	3	1	3	2
3	6	4	2	3	0	3	0
4	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
5	1	0	1	1	0	0	0
6+	12	6	6	7	1	3	1
Total	103	42	59	60	7	30	6

Summary



- ▶ **Procedure 300 outlines specific requirements**
- ▶ **Allegations flow directly from legal definitions in ANCRA**